

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A CAD information management system comprising:
a plurality of databases for storing at least one of
CAD drawing information and specification information on a
specification of a component forming a CAD drawing,
corresponding to stored-source address information; and
a terminal connected to said plurality of databases via
a communication network, for receiving and transmitting
information to/from said plurality of databases based on
input information,
wherein when stored-destination address information
indicating a stored destination of information is inputted
as input information on the stored-source address
information, said terminal searches for the stored-source
address information of any of said plurality of databases in
accordance with the stored-destination address information,
selects information corresponding to the stored-source
address information from any of said plurality of databases
based on the search result, and outputs the selected
information.
2. A CAD information management system comprising:
a plurality of databases for storing at least one of
CAD drawing information and specification information on a

specification of a component forming a CAD drawing and update history information of said at least one of the information, corresponding to stored-source address information; and

a terminal connected to said plurality of databases via a communication network, for receiving and transmitting information to/from said plurality of databases based on input information,

wherein when stored-destination address information indicating a stored destination of information is inputted as input information on the stored-source address information, said terminal searches for the stored-source address information of any of said plurality of databases in accordance with the stored-destination address information, selects at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information, corresponding to the stored-source address information, from any of said plurality of databases, based on the search result, displays the selected information, and also displays update information of the selected information.

3. A CAD information management system comprising:
a plurality of databases for storing at least one of CAD drawing information and specification information on a specification of a component forming a CAD drawing, together

with update history information of said at least one of the information, corresponding to stored-source address information;

a server connected to said plurality of databases via a communication network, for receiving and transmitting information to/from said plurality of databases; and

a terminal connected to said server via an information transfer path, for receiving and transmitting information to/from said server based on input information,

wherein when information on a stored destination of information is inputted as input information on the stored-source address information, said terminal requests a search in accordance with the input information to said server and displays the search result of said server,

said server extracts the stored-destination address information corresponding to the information in response to the search request from said terminal, searches for the stored-source address information of any of said plurality of databases in accordance with the stored-destination address information, selects at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information, corresponding to the stored-source address information, from any of said plurality of databases, based on the search result, also selects update history information added to said at least one of the information, and transfers the selected

information to said terminal.

4. A system according to Claim 2, further comprising:
information management means for managing at least one
of the CAD drawing information and the specification
information,

wherein said plurality of databases are connected to
said information management means,

said information management means outputs a result of
determining whether or not the update request from said
terminal is accepted, to said terminal, and

when receiving the result of determining that the
update request is accepted from said information management
means, said terminal updates at least one of the CAD drawing
information and the specification information in said
plurality of databases, and adds the update history
information on the update to the update information.

5. A system according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein
at least one of the CAD drawing information and the
specification information is overlappingly stored in said
plurality of databases.

6. A system according to Claim 4, wherein at least one
of the CAD drawing information and the specification

information is overlappingly stored in said plurality of databases.

7. A CAD information management method comprising the steps of:

by an information management apparatus connected to a communication network, storing at least one of CAD drawing information and a specification of a component forming a CAD drawing to a plurality of databases, corresponding to stored-source address information, and connecting said databases to a terminal via the communication network; and

by said terminal, searching for the stored-source address information of any of said plurality of databases in accordance with stored-destination address information indicating a stored destination of information, selecting information corresponding to the stored-source address information from any of said databases based on the search, and displaying the selected information, when inputting the stored-destination address information to said terminal, as input information on the stored-source address information, in the case in which said information management apparatus manages the CAD drawing information and the specification information that are stored in said plurality of databases.

8. A method according to Claim 7, further comprising

the steps of:

by said information management apparatus, outputting a result of determining whether or not an update request from said terminal is accepted, to said terminal, when the update request is inputted to said information management apparatus from said terminal; and

by said terminal, updating at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information in said plurality of databases, when receiving the result of determining that the update request from said information management apparatus is accepted, and adding update history information on update to the update information.

9. A CAD information management method, comprising the steps of:

by an information management apparatus connected to a communication network, storing at least one of CAD drawing information and specification information on a specification of a component forming a CAD drawing and update history information of said at least one of the information, in a plurality of databases, corresponding to stored-source address information, connecting said plurality of databases to a server via the communication network, and connecting said server to a terminal via an information transfer path;

by said terminal, requesting a search in accordance

with input information, to said server, and displaying the search result of said server; and

by said server, extracting stored-destination address information corresponding to said information in response to the search request from said terminal, searching for the stored-source address information of any of said plurality of databases based on the stored-destination address information, selecting at least one of the CAD drawing information and the specification information, corresponding to the stored-source address information, from any of said plurality of databases, selecting update history information added to the selected information, and transferring the selected information to said terminal, when information on a stored destination of information is inputted to said terminal as the input information on the stored-source address information in the case in which said information management apparatus manages the CAD drawing information and the specification information which are stored in said plurality of databases.